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TAGS: EMIN, ENRG, AS  
SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN URANIUM DECISION FORTHCOMING

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1. EVIDENCE GROWING THAT GOA PLANS TO ANNOUNCE EITHER AUGUST 25 OR 26 ITS DECISION ON MINING, MILLINA DNE EXPORTING OF AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT GOA WILL APPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF URANIUM RESOURCES SUBJECT TO VERY STRINGENT NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE PRESENTED IN TWO RANGER (FOX) URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRIES.

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WM THERE IS SPECULATION THAT GOA WILL NOT ANNOUNCE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT FOR SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MINES, BELIEVING THAT DE FACTO SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL OCCUR WITHOUT GOA INTERVENTION BECAUSE MINING VENTURES INVOLVED WOULD NOT ALL COME ON STREAM AT SAME TIME ANYWAY. GOA ANNOUNCEMENT LIKELY TO REVEAL STRINGENT REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

AND ABORIGINAL RIGHTS FROM UNWARRANTED DISRUPTION DURING  
MINING PERIOD.

3. GOA URANIUM DECISION WOULD COME AT A TIME WHEN THERE  
IS INCREASING PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS GROUPS FOR NATIONAL  
REFERENDUM ON WHETHER OR NOT TO MINE URANIUM. THE PROBABLE  
AFFIRMATIVE DECISION TO PROCEED WITH URANIUM  
MINING WILL BE MET WITH OPPOSITION FROM AUSTRALIAN LABOR  
PARTY, AND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND ACADEMIC GROUPS.  
DESPITE EXPECTED OPPOSITION, GOA WILL HAVE TIME TO  
DEAL WITH MANY OF PROBLEMS POSED BY OPPONENTS BECAUSE  
URANIUM EXPORTS FROM NEW MINES NOT LIKELY UNTIL EARLY  
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